

## LET OBJECTORS DIG TRENCH, SAYS T. R.

Colonel Tells Medical Association How to Treat Slackers.

BIDS DOCTORS ENLIST

Patriotism Marks Meeting of Physicians at Hippodrome.

Col. Roosevelt told a crowd which packed the Hippodrome even to the top gallery last night what he would do with slackers. It was a patriotic mass meeting arranged for the delegates attending the convention of the American Medical Association, and all of these and a great many others were there.

If the doctors act as they cheered the contribution of the American medical fraternity to the cause of the Allies in the war. From 8 o'clock until 11 they kept jumping up and down as opportunities to demonstrate their enthusiasm—and there were lots of them—were presented.

First, there came Sousa and his band with "The Stars and Stripes Forever," which brought everybody to his feet. Then, sandwiched between the addresses by Mayor Mitchell, Dudley Field Malone, President George E. Vincent of the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Colonel himself, Miss Frances Alda and the Metropolitan Opera chorus sang patriotic airs, Sousa and the band accompanying, which evoked tremendous bursts of cheer.

Miss Alda rendered "Rule Britannia," "The Marseillaise" and "The Star Spangled Banner" in costume, the flags of the three great ones fluttering meaningfully. Lastly, Sousa, to emphasize the bond of unity among the Allies, led his musicians in "Hands Across the Sea."

Cheers for Col. Roosevelt.

The physicians and their friends cheered for nearly two minutes when Col. Roosevelt was introduced, a greeting which moved the former President to observe that, much as he appreciated the honor, he wished he "were where it would not be possible to make a speech."

"For I feel with all my heart," he added, "that the time has passed, for rhetoric or conversation, the time has come when, as a nation, we should decide for ourselves whether we want to rank with the nations that do things or with the nations that talk about those things."

He said he would respect the conscientious objector's conscience by sending him to war without a gun, so that he could dig trenches and give the men with guns a chance to rest when it was not necessary to shoot.

"I'd see how his conscience stood the strain," said the Colonel. "I've no doubt there are some really conscientious objectors. I've no doubt either that there are also cowards, but I judge a race by the average, not the exception. While wrongs have been perpetrated that would blot the memory of Attila, we have sat and listened to pacifist ranting about neutrality."

These paragraphs were interpellations in Mr. Roosevelt's set speech. The keynote of his prepared address was: "You doctors, get busy. Sign up this month, this week, today. The need is instant."

Praise Accorded Mayor.

Mayor Mitchell left the meeting after welcoming the physicians in behalf of the city. Later Col. Roosevelt took occasion to praise the Mayor. "Now that he is gone," he said, "I wish to inform you who are from outside that every New Yorker who is worth his salt is proud that we are able to welcome you with a man like Mayor Mitchell, who typifies all that is best in public life."

Dudley Field Malone warned the people against underestimating the power and the resources of Germany.

"At the beginning of the war," he said, "that nation controlled 72,000,000 of people. Now, with her subjects, she controls 176,000,000, 82,000,000 of whom are in subject slavery."

"We must not dare to lower the labor standards of this country. Our child labor laws must not be interfered with. We cannot win the war unless the women show their enthusiasm day and night. As long as there are thousands of women who think they should not be called on to serve the nation when they have no part in national affairs, I hope the Government in Washington, by Federal franchise, will give votes to women."

"What can be worse than a hypocrisy of neutrality?" asked Dr. Vincent.

In a rousing speech, "Now that this has been a warning, America means for us all a mighty purpose. We know of the skill of you physicians, your technique, your cleverness. But it is the heart of a people that counts. America is finding her soul."

Dr. Alexander Lambert, wearing the uniform of a Surgeon-Major, presided.

He is to leave for France in a few days. Among others seated on the platform were Col. T. H. Goodwin of the British Royal Army Medical Corps and John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Must Serve for Honor.

In the course of his address Col. Roosevelt said: "You doctors preach and practice the doctrine of service, of service rendered primarily for itself and only secondarily for the money reward. In the present great national crisis of the world war it is precisely this doctrine of service upon which we need to lay most stress. Of course service nominally means self-sacrifice. But I do not think that you ought to let your minds dwell very much on the sacrifice. The man who does not heartily do his full duty by the nation in this crisis is not fit to be a citizen. He is dead, but not extraordinarily so. If he makes whatever sacrifice is necessary, but if he does not make such sacrifices, he is himself to be hunted out of the society of self-respecting freemen. What we need to hold over before our eyes is not the incidental service, but the high honor and privilege of being permitted to render the service."

Every young man of the right temper will eagerly long for the chance to render such service and will count himself thrice fortunate if he wins the great prize of securing the chance to render it, no matter what price may be paid in danger and hardship. This is especially true of young doctors, for surgeons are sorely needed for our Allies and for ourselves. As for our own men, if we do not effectively exert the pressure to prevent sickness among and secure camp hygiene for our soldiers we shall show ourselves guilty of the gravest moral dereliction. Every young doctor should volunteer his services; no man has a right to hold back unless he has a young family with claims so urgent that they cannot be disregarded."

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## RETROACTIVE TAXES HELD NOT ADVISABLE

State Chamber of Commerce Also Urges Reduction of Levy on Incomes.

SCHOOLS ARE CRITICISED

Large Part of Meeting Taken Up With Service in Memory of Choate.

Resolutions urging the advisability of eliminating retroactive taxes in the war revenue measure now before the Senate and reduction of the income tax, which "is calculated to throw business into confusion," were adopted unanimously at the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York yesterday. With these resolutions were also adopted an amendment by Jacob H. Schiff requesting that Congress exempt from all taxation gifts to educational, philanthropic and religious organizations.

Chairman Isaac N. Seligman of the committee on State and municipal taxation in presenting his report said: "Your committee realizes that the burden of taxation must fall largely upon those with large incomes, and it believes that the wealthy will cheerfully respond. We are convinced that both the House and the Senate are loyal and faithfully trying to work out a sound and reasonable measure, and it is the desire of your committee to cooperate. With that end in view we offer the following criticisms and suggestions:

"(1) It pursues an erroneous principle in imposing retroactive taxes. (2) It selects an unjust and unworkable criterion for the excess profit tax. (3) It proceeds to unheard of heights in the income tax. (4) It imposes unwarranted burdens upon the consumption of the community. (5) It is calculated to throw business into confusion by levying taxes on gross receipts instead of upon commodities. (6) It fails to make a proper use of the stamp taxes. (7) It follows an unscientific system in its flat rate on imports. (8) It indicates a multiplicity of petty and unproductive taxes, the vexatiousness of which is out of all proportion to the revenue they produce."

Schools Criticized.

The report of the committee made several constructive suggestions, among which were that new taxation should not exceed 20 per cent. of the estimated expenditures for war purposes during any one year, excluding loans to our Allies; that the excess profits tax should be based on the average profits prior to the war; that stamp taxes should be freely resorted to since such a tax was highly successful during the Spanish-American war; and that emphasis should further be laid upon consumption taxes, with a view to conserving for ourselves and our Allies all available resources of raw materials and finished products.

The preliminary report of the committee on commercial education, of which Howard C. Smith is chairman, severely criticizing the present public school system, was laid on the table after Borough President Marks had read several letters from R. H. Macy & Co., the National City Bank and numerous other banking and business houses, endorsing the work of the graduates of the public schools. He said the public schools of New York city were turning out as efficient, intelligent, reliable and trustworthy products as any of the schools of the country, adding that many private schools were not doing as well.

A considerable part of the meeting was taken up with service in memory of the late Joseph H. Choate, who was an honorary member of the chamber for years.

## PHYSICIANS INSPECT NEW WAR HOSPITALS

Five of Columbia's Buildings Already Completed.

Two hundred members of the American Medical Association and other prominent physicians were the guests of the executive committee of the new Columbia University War Hospital at a luncheon yesterday afternoon. After the meal, which was served in one of the five buildings already constructed, the visitors were shown over the new institution in Columbia Oval by Major Henry C. Coe of the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States army. Dr. Alexander Lambert and others.

The visiting physicians included representatives of the British and American armies, and they were clearly impressed with the progress that has been made in getting the hospital in readiness for the demands that will be made upon it by the American expeditionary forces. The kitchen, recreation hall, operating room, laundry and one sick ward have been completed and are ready for service, and the other buildings are going up so rapidly that they seem almost to leap into existence.

The entire institution will be portable, and by an ingenious use of hinges, grooves and bolts is being constructed with an almost any War Hospital. It and similar hospitals, once the different parts are made, can be assembled ready for service within a few days.

Among the visitors were Col. T. H. Goodwin of the British Army Medical Corps, Col. Jefferson R. Keen, director of military relief for the American Red Cross, Capt. S. R. Burnap of the Medical Reserve Corps, Major Franklin H. Martin of the Council of National Defense, Dr. Edward Martin of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Edward H. Bradford of Harvard University, Major Clarence H. Connor of the Medical Reserve Corps, Dr. Albert J. Vander Veer of Albany, Dr. A. J. Ochsner of Chicago, Dr. E. S. Goldstein of New York, Dr. Arthur Dean Bevan of Chicago.

Expelled Student Honored.

School of Journalism Graduates Break Columbia Tradition.

The members of the graduating class of the school of journalism broke all Columbia traditions at their final banquet when they elected as permanent officers three men who did not receive degrees from the university commencement last Wednesday.

Morris Ryskind, who was expelled from the university two months ago after he had called President Butler "a frog" in an editorial in *Jeffer*, the college monthly magazine, of which he was editor, was elected vice-president. The others were George Sokolsky, because of whose threatened expulsion the class decided to strike a few weeks ago, and Francis Scully.

THE EVENING SUN was voted the best afternoon newspaper in New York. Only seven members of the faculty were named as honorary members of the class, and of these but two gave courses in the senior year.

BORDERS DENY PURCHASES.

Report of Milk Merger Called "Exaggerated."

"Premature and exaggerated" was the comment made yesterday by C. A. Welant, president of Borders Farm Products Company, Inc., on the report that that concern had purchased the business of three milk firms and virtually had completed negotiations for the purchase of two others.

Mr. Welant did not deny that negotiations were under way, but declined to say more, except that "as the plans which are being considered mature due notice will be given the public."

The three firms which, according to a statement published first by John J. Dillon's *Rural New Yorker*, had been bought up are the R. F. Stevens Company of Brooklyn, the Central Dairy Company and the Ullman & Hauk Dairy Company. John D. Tilden, president of the Central company, admitted that negotiations had been in progress. W. W. Walsh, Jr., president of the Stevens company, also said no deal had been closed.

False Registration Charged.

Angelo Rosile, 24 years old, of Dobbs Ferry, was arrested yesterday afternoon and locked up in the police station at Dobbs Ferry on a charge of having violated the laws governing registration. The Dobbs Ferry police charge that Rosile, instead of registering in his own precinct, went to Hastings and registered under the name of Angelo Creso. The case is being investigated by the United States District Attorney.

## LID CLAMPED ON IN MACDOUGAL ALLEY

Still the Faro Layout Is Busy and Hieronymus Rules the Festa.

DOLLAR CHIPS RATTLE

Vaudeville Show Draws Many and German Products Are Broken Up.

"Come in and have a datter! Yip! Yip! Yip!" shrieked Blom Fernandez, actress at the door of the Stage Women's Girl of the Golden West Bar (bar being euphemistic, as there are no drinks—merely faro layouts, roulette games and such).

"Come and spin the wheel for the soldiers! Hoo-ee! Hoo-ee! Hoo-ee!" chorused Silvio Heine and Edwin Brees, as villainous a pair of cowboys as ever invaded the satiated precincts of MacDougal alley.

Did they come? Did the crowds that swarmed to the Alley Festa listen to the ending rattle of the chips last night as they did the night before? They did. In swarms they turned away from Francis B. Roche selling candy for the Lafayette fund, from the post cards of the Ecole des Beaux Arts and gave up their dollars to buy chips and more chips from Mrs. H. B. Harris, manager of the Girl of the Golden West Bar.